

# Hospital Board Adds 6 Members, Administrator JAHN TAKES SEAT ON COUNCIL; ISEN RETAINED IN MAYOR'S POST

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### Recount Talk Gets Setback by Errors

Robert B. Jahn is a City Councilman by the slim margin of 15 votes, it was learned after counting of the absentee ballots by members of the Council here this week. And Mayor Albert Isen was re-elected to that post by a 3-2 vote.

After 20 of the 26 ballots were voted, Jahn received an additional four votes while his nearest competitor for the seat vacated by Mervin M. Schwab, Walter A. Garrabrant, nine votes to his total.

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Talk of a recount received a setback when a check on one of the questioned precincts by the Council turned up an error in tabulation which would credit Jahn with an additional 36 votes. The precinct tally credited John with 40 votes, the unofficial canvass list used to determine the final tally for each candidate showed only four.

### Man Held on Hit-Run Count

Richard C. Miller was arrested here Tuesday afternoon after police say the car he was driving hit a school boy at 186th St. and Crenshaw Blvd. and left the scene without administering aid.

George W. Lyden, 8, of 18408 Yukon Ave., was crossing the street under the protection of a school crossing guard at the time of the accident; officers said. He reportedly suffered minor injuries.

### School Bids Authorized By Board

Board of Education members called for a number of construction bids at their regular meeting Tuesday night at the Torrance Unified School District Office.

Headed the list was the board's authorization to call for bids for multipurpose classrooms at Carr, Hillside, Howard Wood and Perry Schools. In addition, the authorization called for bids on a new administration building at Perry School.

Bids for construction of the new Anza and West Torrance Elementary Schools also were called for.

Announcement of the award of the contracts will be made on May 15, a board spokesman said.

### School Week Observances Set Locally

Public Schools Week observances begin here Monday and will last through the week, with open houses, programs and other activities being staged by Torrance schools for their visitors.

Special activities include a hobby show and open house at the Torrance Elementary School at 7 p.m. Thursday, a folk festival at Crenshaw Elementary School, and a PTA meeting and senior parent meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. at North High School.

Open houses during the week will be held at the following schools: Carr School, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Madrona, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Steele, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Meadow Park, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Howard Wood, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Fern-Greenwood, Thursday, 7 p.m.; and Perry, Thursday, 8:40 p.m.

Invitations for parents to visit classes during the regular daytime schedules have been extended by El Niño School, Hillside School, Newton School, North Torrance School, Seaside School, Torrance High, Riviera School and Walteria School.

### FOUNDATION TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

Harbor Area Exceptional Children's Foundation for Mentally Handicapped Children will hold an open house at the training school center Tuesday morning, April 24, from 9:30 until 11:45 a.m. The training center is located at the Toberman Settlement House, 131 N. Grand St., San Pedro. Classes will be in session and exhibits will be displayed.



TAKING OFFICE... City Clerk A. H. Bartlett (right) administers the oath of office to three Councilmen elected at the polls April 18. Left to right are Councilmen Benstead, Jahn, and Deane. Following the ceremony the new Council voted 3-2 to retain Albert Isen as mayor.

### Six Members Named To Local Hospital Board

The board of directors of the Torrance Memorial Hospital, in a busy week-end meeting, (1) hired a new hospital administrator, (2) increased the board from nine members to 15, (3) appointed six new members to the board, and (4) re-elected current officers to serve for another year.

Employed by the board to succeed Miss Elsa Hammerstrom, who submitted her resignation, was Leonard Ensminger, son of a noted Chicago surgeon. He is currently associated with the San Gabriel Valley Hospital and will assume duties here on May 1.

### Six Named

Appointed to the board to fill out the quota of 15 members A. B. Thompson and Dr. Eugene Cook, three-year terms; Dean Sears and Mrs. Boris Woolley, two-year terms; and Mrs. Paul Loranger and Mervin Schwab, one-year terms.

Henry W. Creger, president; Otto Kressa, vice president; Donald Findley, secretary; Mrs. Curtis, assistant secretary; and Dr. John Beaman, treasurer.

### Groundbreaking Due

Opening of bids for the new hospital wing are scheduled for May 18 and groundbreaking is due June 1. President Creger said yesterday.



LEONARD ENSMINGER... Heads Hospital Staff

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### 15 File for School Elections on May 18

Fifteen candidates had filed nominating petitions for election to the Torrance Board of Education last evening before the 5 p.m. deadline.

### To Attend Session

Oliver Rapier, 18014 Fay-smith, group service representative for Occidental Life Insurance Co. of California, is scheduled to attend the company's 1956 advance group training session April 23-27 in Los Angeles.

### Calvary Church Is Burglarized

Lomita's Calvary Church at 22501 Oak St. was entered for the second time in less than a week Saturday night with some pennies in a small bank in the Sunday school room taken; deputies have reported.

Four cents was the total amount of cash taken. Authorities added the raiders evidently possessed a passkey to the church since there was no evidence of forcible entry.

The same church was entered last Tuesday night but nothing was taken.

Two other Lomita churches—the Narbonne Baptist Church and the Lomita Presbyterian Church—also have been burglarized in the past 10 days. About \$18 in cash was taken from the Presbyterian Church. A tape recorder valued at more than \$200 was stolen from the Narbonne Baptist Church.



ROSEMARY DeCAMP... To Award Authors

### Stars to See One-Act Plays

A number of Hollywood celebrities will be on hand tomorrow evening at the Torrance High School auditorium for the annual Original One-Act Play Festival featuring the production of three student-written plays in competition for the Rosemary DeCamp awards.

In addition to Miss DeCamp (Mrs. John A. Shidler), feminine star of the weekly Bob Cummings show, other members of the show to witness the productions tomorrow include Ann B. Davis, comedienne; Paul Henning, writer and producer, and Ruth Henning, magazine writer.

To be shown tomorrow are two plays by student Tom Quaggin and one by Jim Weyant.



ANN B. DAVIS... 'Call Me Shuttles'

Shown in Pasadena Quaggin has penned two plays, "The Clock" and "150 Years to Learn," for the annual competition. One of his plays, "The Clock," was recently presented in competition with other Southern school plays at Pasadena Playhouse.

The annual play festival here is sponsored by Troupe 1133 of the National Thesplan Society. President Eddie Shaw is producer of tomorrow's festival and will take a part in one of the plays.

Following the performance tomorrow, a critique will be held in the school cafeteria.

Presents Awards At that time, Miss DeCamp will present the trophies to the authors whose plays were selected for presentations from several written by students.

Torrance High School is believed to be the only school in the United States that holds such student-written play festivals. Miss DeCamp has been a sponsor for several years and annually awards trophies to the winning authors.

### Y-Guides To Induct

The Torrance YMCA will be the scene Friday night of the inductions of eight YMCA Y-Indian Guide tribes.

Fathers and sons along with the rest of the family will gather at 6 p.m. for a potluck supper, followed by movies taken on the snow trip in February. The highlight of the evening will be the induction ceremony of approximately 130 fathers and sons into the National Y-Indian Guide movement.

The Y-Indian Guide Longhouse, induction team from the Gardens YMCA will handle the ceremony. Torrance Longhouse Chief Sam Van Wagner and Assistant Chief Lester Murdock are in charge of the evening activities.

### Kettler Maps Approved

Subdivision maps calling for 40 single family residence lots east of Eshelman and south of 24th St. submitted by J. E. Kettler have been approved by County Regional Planning Commission.

### Victims Disarm Theater Robber

Torrance police and sheriff's deputies apprehended an armed robber on the spot here Monday at the Torrance Drive-In Theater, 5501 Torrance Blvd., after the theater manager and the bandit slugged it out with the robber coming out a poor second.

Fred Chancia, 51, manager at the theater and a former boxer, clobbered the robber over the head with a small electric heater to knock off a full 10 minutes of scuffling. Authorities arrived shortly after the melee to find Chancia and Leonard Cicorio, 64, a maintenance man at the theater, holding the culprit at bay by gunpoint.

Booked at Lennox sheriff's station on an armed robbery charge was Louis A. Baca, 32, of 21203 Borza St. He checked in with deputies with a huge welt on the top of his head but didn't require medical attention, they said.

Baca told Chancia and Cicorio when he came into the office that he was a painter and wanted to know if there was anything he could paint for them. When Chancia said no, he drew a .38-caliber revolver and demanded to know where the safe was.

had with him. He then took \$700 from the safe, but apparently wasn't satisfied. He said he believed there was another safe on the premises, probably at the island checking station. After threatening the two with their lives if they didn't tell him, Baca said he would untie them if they would take him to the other safe.

Five shots were fired during the struggle, authorities said, but miraculously no one was hit by the barrage.

Deputies J. A. Jones and E. A. Kirby picked up Baca after receiving a call from Capt. Ernie Ashton and Mickey Fischer, Torrance detectives, who were first on the scene.



UNWELCOME VISITOR... This car went out of control at 196th St. and Firmin Ave. Tuesday and inflicted considerable damage to this garage and fence at the home of Mrs. Effie Lehman, 4701 W. 196th. The car was driven by Rosina M. Acciavatti, 26, of 19609 Anza Ave., who was taken to a private doctor for treatment of injuries suffered in the crash.